

**July 7, 2005**

**All Wheatland and Flathead county papers**

**RE: Application for a General Quarry Permit for Several Rock Quarries in Flathead and Wheatland counties**

**Dear Editor:**

**Please place the following notice in the legal publication section of your newspaper once each week for three consecutive weeks:**

**Legal Notice**

**Notice of Application for Operating Permit (pursuant to the Metal Mine Reclamation Act, Section 82-4-353 (1), MCA).**

**Montana Rockworks, LLP (MT Rockworks), 1107 Rose Crossing, Kalispell, MT filed an application on July 5, 2005 for an Operating Permit from the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Environmental Management Bureau in Helena. MT Rockworks owns property in Flathead County and has lease agreements with ranches in Wheatland County to quarry and hand pick decorative rock, building stone, rip-rap and crushed aggregate on five proposed quarry locations. The Flathead County quarries are located in section 30, Township 26 North, Range 25 West, 18 miles southwest of Marion, MT and section 32, Township 27 North, Range 25 West, 9.6 miles west of Marion, MT. The Wheatland County quarries are located in section 5 and 18, Township 8 North, Range 14 East, 10 miles west of Harlowton, MT and section 35, Township 8 North, Range 13 East, 1 and ¼ mile south-southeast of Two Dot, MT.**

**The proposed operation has been reviewed for compliance under a Supplemental Programmatic Environmental Assessment (SEA) for a General Quarry Operating Permit published by the DEQ in February 2004. DEQ has determined that this operation does not meet the requirements listed in the SEA because MT Rockworks would have more than 5 acres unreclaimed at one time. MT Rockworks cannot receive an operating permit until additional environmental analysis is completed. If MT Rockworks develops additional quarries in the future, they would have to apply for an amendment or**

revision to the operating permit. If a permit is issued, MT Rockworks will post a reclamation bond to ensure reclamation after completion of the quarrying and rock collecting activities.

The applicant seeks approval of its application for an operating permit that would cover up to total of approximately 13,825 permit acres of which only 400 would be actually disturbed over the life of the permit. Reclamation plans call for the reclamation of all the surface disturbances.

Copies of the application can be reviewed by the public at DEQ offices at 1520 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Ave., in Helena, MT. Please submit comments or questions on the proposal by August 10, 2005. For information on the project and to submit comments on the proposal, contact:

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Please send your invoice and affidavit of publication to DEQ at the above address to the attention of Patrick Plantenberg. Please indicate that the bill applies to Doc # EMB 5036005 . Thank you.

Sincerely,

Patrick Plantenberg  
Operating Permit Section Supervisor  
Environmental Management Bureau

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